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SUBJECT: POLADS MEETING SEPTEMBER 18

SUMMARY: PRIOR TO DETAILED DISCUSSION ON CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES (SEPTTEL), POLADS ON SEPTEMBER 18 EXCHANGED REPORTS OF BILATERAL CONTACTS WITH EAST AND ANALYSES OF SOVIET TACTICS ON EVE OF CSCE. END SUMMARY.

1. CANADIAN-SOVIET CONTACTS. CANADIAN REP REPORTED THAT SOVIET DEPUTY FONMIN SUSLOV IN RECENT VISIT TO OTTAWA HAD STRESSED SOVIET FIRMNESS ON INVIOABILITY OF FRONTIERS AND PRESSED FOR CANADIAN COOPERATION TO AVOID ACRIMONIOUS DISPUTE IN GENEVA. CANADIANS HAD HELD FIRMLY TO AGREED NATO POSITION.

2. NETHERLAND-POLISH CONTACTS. DUTCH REP REPORTED ON HIGH-LEVEL VISIT TO WARSAW, DURING WHICH POLES HAD SOUGHT (1) LONG-TERM ECONOMIC/TECHNICAL AGREEMENT SIMILAR TO THOSE IN EFFECT BETWEEN POLAND AND FRANCE, UK, AND NORWAY, AND UNDER NEGOTIATION WITH BELGIUM; (2) A FORMAL AGREEMENT FOR PERIODIC BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS; AND (3) DUTCH SUPPORT FOR EVENTUAL MULTILATERAL EUROPEAN CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION ALONG LINES PROPOSED BY AUSRIANS. (DUTCH BELIEVE LATTER POINT MISREPRESENTS PROPOSALS ADVANCED BY AUSTRIAN CONFIDENTIAL

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CHANCELLOR KREISKY.) DUTCH AGREED TO STUDY FIRST PROPOSAL BUT TEMPORIZED ON OTHERS. RE SPECIFIC CSCE ITEMS, POLES SUPPORTED FREE EXCHANGE OF IDEAS BUT EXCLUDED "SUBVERSIVE" METHODS SUCH AS RADIO FREE EUROPE, AND SAID ALLIES COULD

NOT EXPECT PROGRESS IN THIRD BASKET UNLESS THEY WERE PREPARED TO MAKE CONCESSIONS IN SECOND.

3. SINO-SOVIET POLEMICS. U.S. REP DREW ON STATE 184609. HE SUGGESTED POLADS MIGHT EXCHANGE INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT. POLADS AGREED TO DO SO ON OCTOBER 2.

4. NAVAL VISITS. ITALIAN REP REPORTED THAT ITALIAN DESTROYER AND FRIGATE WOULD VISIT SEVASTOPOL AND ODESSA FOR FOUR TO FIVE DAYS IN SEPTEMBER, AS EARLIER AGREED IN PRINCIPLE WITH SOVIETS. RETURN SOVIET VISIT WOULD BE SCHEDULED IN OCTOBER.

5. SOVIET TACTICS ON EVE OF CSCE. SIMILAR ASSESSMENTS OF RECENT SOVIET MOVES (CESSATION OF JAMMING, EASING OF ANTI-DISSIDENT CAMPAIGN) WERE GIVEN BY CANADIAN, U.S. (DRAWING ON STATE 184899) AND BELGIAN REPS. RUMSFELD.

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